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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-9, 12-15, 18-20, and 27-29 are pending. Claims 1, 4-9, 12-15, 18-20, and 27-29 are rejected. Applicant is amending claims 1, 9, 15, and 27 in this paper.

The indicated allowability of claims 1, 4-9, 12-15, 18-20, and 27-20 is withdrawn in view of newly discovered references.

Claims Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 4-8, 15, 18-20, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,521,966 (Friedes), in view of US Patent No. 6,253,069 (Mankovitz) in view of US Patent No. 6,040,921 (Hayashi), and in further view of US Patent No. 6,246,983 (Zou).

Applicant is amending claim 1 to include the features of "a plurality of modems for converting a dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signal into one digit, wherein the caller selects only one DTMF entry for each character in a name and an address of the person to form a digit string" and "a data search handler that searches the searchable database by matching the digit string that corresponds to an actual name and address of the person." (Emphasis added.) The amendment is supported by the specification as originally filed, e.g., page 7, third paragraph and page 14, second paragraph. The combination of Friedes, Mankovitz, Hayashi, and Zou fails to even suggest these features.

Claim 15 includes the similar features of "a plurality of modems for converting a dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signal into one digit, wherein the caller selects only one DTMF entry for each character in a name and an address of the person to form a digit string" and "a data search

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handler that searches the searchable database by matching the digit string that corresponds to an actual name and address of the person." Claim 27 also includes the features of "plurality of modems for converting a dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signal into one digit, wherein the caller selects only one DTMF entry for each character in a name and an address of the person to form a digit string" and "a data search handler that searches the searchable database by matching the digit string that corresponds to an actual name and address of the person." Thus, claims 15 and 27 are patentable for at least the above reasons. Claims 4-8, 18-20, and 28-29 ultimately depend from claims 1, 15, and 27. Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 1, 4-8, 15, 18-20, and 27-29.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friedes, in view of Mankovitz, in view of Hayashi and further in view of Zou as applied to claim 1, and further in view of US. Patent No. 5,901,214 (Shaffer).

Claims 6-8 ultimately depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least above reasons. Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 6-8.

Claims 9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friedes, in view of Mankovitz, in view of Hayashi, in view of Zou and in further view of US Patent No. 6,446,111 (Lowery).

Applicant is amending claim 9 to include the features of "a plurality of modems for converting a dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signal into one digit, wherein the caller selects only one DTMF entry for each character in a name and an address of the person to form a digit string" and "a data search handler that searches the searchable database by matching the digit string that corresponds to an actual name and address of the person." As discussed above, the combination of Friedes, Mankovitz, Hayashi, and Zou does not even suggest these features. Moreover, Lowry does

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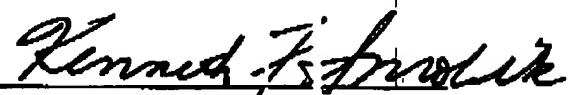
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not make up for the deficiencies of Friedes, Mankovitz, Hayashi, and Zou. Also, claims 12-14 depend from claim 9 and are patentable for at least the above reasons. Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 9 and 12-14.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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